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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN PARIS MEETING ON
ENAVW

DEVELOPMENT, RAW MATERIALS AND RELATED FINANCIAL
ISSUES

1. ON SEPT 9, MFA PRINCIPAL ASS'T SECRETARY FOR ECONOMICS
AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, ABDUL MANAF BIN MOHAMED,
CALLED IN ECON COUNSELOR TO INFORM USG OF GOM INTEREST IN
PARTICIPATING IN SUBJECT MEETING NOVEMBER IN PARIS.

2. MANAF NOTED THAT 27 COUNTRIES TO ATTEND, INCLUDING
EIGHT DEVELOPED AND 19 LDC'S (INCLUDING OIL PRODUCERS),
THAT SEVEN LDC'S PARTICIPATING IN PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
AND THEREFORE THAT 12 LDC SLOTS STILL OPEN. HE ASSUMES
THAT PARTICIPATION WILL BE DETERMINED ON GEOGRAPHIC BASIS.

3. MANAF FURTHER NOTED MALAYSIA'S ACTIVITIES IN RAW
MATERIALS AND COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING BUFFER
STOCKS AND ITS POSITION AS MAJOR PRODUCER OF PRIMARY
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PRODUCTS AS REASONS WHY MALAYSIA SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS

PARTICIPANT IN MEETING.

4. MANAF STATED THAT MALAYSIA BEGINNING PROCESS OF REPRESENTATIONS AND AS YET HAD NO INDICATION OF VIEWS OR INTERESTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN THIS AREA RE PARTICIPATION IN MEETING.

5. HE ALSO STATED THAT MALAYSIAN EMBASSY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE SAME REPRESENTATION TO DEPARTMENT.

6. COMMENT. MALAYSIAN INTERESTS, OF COURSE, LIE PRIMARILY WITH RAW MATERIALS (NOTABLY RUBBER AND TIN) AND WITH RELATED FINANCIAL ISSUES INCLUDING CONSUMER CONTRIBUTIONS TO BUFFER STOCK FINANCING, AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENT (TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY). PARTICIPATION BY MALAYSIA COULD BE USEFUL AS MODERATING INFLUENCE IN CORRIDOR AND COMMITTEE, BUT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT IT WOULD TAKE PUBLIC POSITION NOTABLY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE TAKEN BY GROUP OF 77.

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